

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Said A shifting device (1) for transmitting shift commands to a motor vehicle transmission, with the shifting device comprising:

[[ - ]] a housing (2) and/or a frame; housing/frame support structure;

5 [[ - ]] a said selector lever (4), which transmits for transmitting shift commands to the motor vehicle transmission[[,]];

[[ - ]] a said hand knob (3), which forms forming a gripping possibility surface for engagement by a the hand of a motor vehicle driver of the motor vehicle[[,]] ;

[[ - ]] a switch (5a), whereby the said; and

10 an adapter mounted at said selector lever said having said switch integrated therewith,  
said adapter defining a connection between said selector lever and said hand knob, the shifting  
device (1) [[is]] being provided for installation in a motor vehicle, and a said wherein a shifting  
gate is pushed over said selector lever (4) preferably after installation of said shifting device (1);  
characterized in that a adapter (7) mounted at said selector lever (4) is provided for  
said hand knob (3) with said integrated switch (5a), which forms a connection point between  
15 said selector lever (4) and said hand knob (3).

2. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with the above claim 1,  
characterized in that wherein said switch integrated switch (5a) is suitable in said adapter  
includes means for transmitting electrical and/or optical signals.

3. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said adapter (7) has a switch interface (10) for a connection cable.

\_\_\_\_ 4. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 through 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising a line for transmitting electrical and/or optical signals wherein [[the]] said adapter [[(7)]] has at least one said recess [[(8a)],] in which said line is disposed, ~~lines (6), which are used for transmitting electrical and/or optical signals, can be laid~~.

\_\_\_\_ 5. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 through 4~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein [[the]] said adapter has a [[said]] switch display part exposed to view (5).

\_\_\_\_ 6. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 through 4~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ the said hand knob (3) has, further comprising a [[said]] switch display part exposed to view (5):

\_\_\_\_ 7. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above claims 1 through 6~~, ~~characterized in that the~~ claim 1, wherein said adapter [[(7)]] has at least one [[said]] guide element [[(9)]] for positioning said hand knob [[(3)]].

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above~~ claims 1 through 7, ~~characterized in that the~~ claim 1, wherein said adapter ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ has a boring, into which said selector lever ~~[[ (4) ]]~~ can be at least partially inserted.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above~~ claims 1 through 8, ~~characterized in that the~~ claim 1, wherein said adapter ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ has a screwable connection for fastening at ~~[[ the ]]~~ said selector lever ~~[[ (4) ]]~~.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above~~ claims 1 through 8, ~~characterized in that the~~ claim 1, wherein said adapter ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ has a clippable connection for fastening at said selector lever ~~[[ (4) ]]~~.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with ~~one of the above~~ claims 1 through 8, ~~characterized in that the~~ claim 1, wherein said adapter ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ has a plastic molding, which is injection-molded on the selector lever ~~in the~~ via an injection molding process.

12. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said adapter has an actuator button part connected to said switch.

13. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 12, wherein said hand knob

has an opening for access to said actuator button part.

14. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 13, wherein said actuator button part also comprises a switch display part.

15. (New) A shifting device for transmitting shift commands to a motor vehicle transmission, the shifting device comprising:

a support structure;

a selector lever connected to said support structure, said selector lever for transmitting shift commands to the motor vehicle transmission;

an adapter mounted at said selector lever said adapter having an integrated switch;

a hand knob forming a gripping surface for engagement by a hand of a driver of the motor vehicle driver; said adapter defining a connection between said selector lever and said hand knob, the shifting device being provided for installation in a motor vehicle, wherein the diameter of the selector lever and the adapter is smaller than a shift gap defined by side edges of a shift gate whereby the shift gate is passed over said selector lever and said adapter.

16. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 15, wherein said integrated switch includes means for transmitting electrical and/or optical signals and has a switch interface for a connection cable.

17. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 16, wherein said connection cable has a line for transmitting electrical and/or optical signals wherein said adapter has at least one recess in which said line is disposed.

18. (New) A shifting device in accordance claim 15, wherein said adapter has at least one guide element for positioning said hand knob.

19. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 15, wherein said adapter has a part with at least one of an actuator button part and a switch display part connected to said switch.

20. (New) A shifting device in accordance with claim 19, wherein said hand knob has an opening for access to said at least one of an actuator button part and a switch display part connected to said switch.